



Seeking a Parish Nurse

Trinity is seeking a person to join our ministry leadership team as Parish Nurse. This position is ten hours per week with great flexibility in scheduling. Applicants should be a licensed Registered Nurse. A full position description is available at trinity-ec.org or by request in the Trinity office. Please submit cover letter, references, and resume to Pastor Kurt Jacobson at kurt@trinity-ec.org



Hmong Congregation at Trinity

The Trinity Council approved a request by Lee Herr of the Hmong Christian Alliance congregation to hold a weekly worship service in the Chapel at Trinity for the summer starting June 1. This small group of Christians has been meeting in homes, and hopes by having a public location each week they'll be able to invite more to join in worshipping God with them. The Council saw the mission opportunity to support a Christian effort in the community by providing our space to this young church.

Churches of Our Synod to Meet

The Northwest Synod of Wisconsin meets in assembly June 7–8 at the University of Wisconsin Eau Claire. This year's theme is "Walking & Working Together." The event will bring hundreds to Davies Center to engage in workshops to transform churches and conversations pertinent to being Christian in a diverse and swiftly changing culture. To learn more, visit nwsynwi.org

Trinity Youth Head to Colorado in June

The week of June 21–28, 22 youth and five adults will be joining Pastor Brahm on a trip to Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp in Hillside, Colorado. The group will be backpacking and camping in the beautiful Sange de Cristo (Blood of Christ) mountain range, and they will also spend a day white water rafting on the Arkansas River. The group has been gathering monthly over the school year to prepare for the trip and get to know each other. Half of the group headed up to the Ice Age Trail near New Auburn on May 17 for a pre-trip hike of 4.5 miles as we broke in our hiking boots and enjoyed the Wisconsin wilderness. Thank you to all who helped support this group and their fundraisers throughout the year. Look for photos of the trip when they return this summer.





Oh, [God] visit the earth, ask her to join the dance!

Deck her out in spring showers,
fill the God-River with living water.

Paint the wheat fields golden. Creation was made for this!

Psalm 65, The Message

Dear Friends in Christ,

After a harder winter than most, it is time to dance and rejoice that the grass is greening, the trees are in bud, and in the morning icy silence has been replaced by choruses of birds. Indeed, as the psalmist says, it seems "creation was made" for this season of growth and abundance. Ironically, summer can be a challenging season, spiritually, for many of us. Often we do not take the time to notice God moving in and through our many activities or hydrate our own souls in the ways that really matter.

Summer is a blessed time of physical and relational activity. As I write, I am just finishing throwing one bridal shower, planning a second, and have four weddings on the docket between now and September. I am also committing myself to more regular exercise in the hopes of doing some sort of race later in the summer and refocusing on my health after a winter "hibernation" from activity.

And yet, I am keenly aware that summer's abundance (in activity) can seduce us into a spiritual complacency. As author March Buchanan recounted in his book, *Spiritual Rhythm: Being with Jesus Every Season of Your Heart*, "The lake brims and is so refreshing we fail to notice that the river that feeds it has dwindled to a trickle." As your summer calendar fills up with activity while the weather is fine, I encourage you to prioritize connecting with the God who seeks to nourish and sustain you:

1. Pray: Short, simple conversations with God ground your everyday moments in deeper meaning, bring healing, and offer direction. Are you among your extended family more often? Stop and notice God at work among your relationships or, on the flip-side, send up a prayer for patience and forbearance in their presence.
2. Pause: Wake up with the morning light to reflect on God's word. There are several devotionals available through church that take less than five minutes to read. Perhaps this the season to get re-grounded in the Word?
3. Worship: Christ is present everywhere; but if you need to find him quickly, see the Word, the Table, and the Water of baptismal grace. Don't forget this summer to come and be fed where God has promised to show up among the worshipping community. Missed worship on a weekend away? Check out our facebook page or website for sermons and other ways to connect to your faith family from a distance.

In this season of warmth, may the God of abundance bless you with a spirit which knows where to find nourishment and living water with which to hydrate your souls.

In Christ,
Pastor Sarah

Dear Friends,

I am humbled by your expressions of well wishes and love as I venture forth into retirement. You have been a blessing to me personally and to the Children's Ministries program throughout the years. The Holy Spirit has encouraged and guided us as we partnered in the faith development of our children and youth. I will miss the daily interaction with the Trinity staff, the many volunteers, and young families. I will continue to offer support through prayer and presence when needed, and I will watch with total enjoyment as you continue to be faithful in ministry to our church families and families in our community.

Look for me after my morning run sipping a cup of coffee while sitting on that very special bench reading a passage from one of the volumes of the St. John's Bible.

In gratitude and love,
Mary Schoenknecht

Dear Trinity
members, staff,
and friends,

I want to share my gratitude with all of you for supporting me in my role as Parish Nurse and showing me such kindness and generosity these last 12 years. I have been blessed by the relationships, friendships, and experiences I have had, and it has been a privilege to accompany you through this journey we call life. Thank you for your thoughtful greetings, cards, and kind words over these past few weeks. You are, and will continue to be, my faith family and are all very dear to me. I know God will continue to guide and keep us, and I will continue to hold you in my prayers.

God's Peace,
Marti Hofer





The Friendship Group

Trinity's senior citizens will meet on Wednesday, June 11, at 10:00 A.M. in the chapel. After a short business meeting, the program will be by Glenn Patzwald on the stage coach line that ran from Sparta to Hudson. Lunch will be on your own at Grizzley's.

Received in April Memorials & Gifts

Memorial Fund

- In memory of Phyllis Larson: Grant Larson
- In memory of Walter Herrmann: Kurt Jacobson
- In memory of Colleen Sneen: Joan Larsen, Avis Grambo, Kermit & June Walker, Glenn & Carol Aumann, Philip & Marilyn Storrs
- In memory of Robert Anderson: Tom Brownell Family
- In memory of Ria Mitlien: Jack & Lois Olson

Food Pantry Fund

- In memory of Marshall Dresel: Jim & Sherry Jones
- In memory of Robert Teske: Jim & Sherry Jones
- In memory of Jim Mishefske: Jim & Sherry Jones
- In honor of Jim Beck's birthday: William & Ruth Perkins
- In memory of Daniel Bonner: Carla Brandup
- In memory of Colleen Sneen: Carla Brandup

Children's Bible Fund

- In honor of Mary Schoenknecht: Joan Harris, Barb Vorhes, Brandon & Kristy Casto

St. John's Bible Fund

- In memory of Gordon & Emma Retzlaff: Ron Retzlaff
- In memory of Marlene Cable: Ron Retzlaff
- In memory of Esther Pielhop: Dick Cable

Trinity Tollers Fund

- In honor of Mary Strayer's birthday: Heather Strayer

Quilter Fund

- In memory of Jeanne Reppe: Jim & Anne Walker

Children's Ministries

- In honor of Mary Schoenknecht: John & LeaAnn Richie and Family, John & Nancee Burbank

Endowment Trust Fund—Children's Ministries

- In honor of Mary Schoenknecht: Ron Retzlaff, Todd & Peggy Munden

Thank You

- To our Sunday School and Wednesday Evening Volunteers and School Year Day Camp Leaders! Our Sunday School teachers, Wednesday Camp T.G.I.F. teachers and kitchen staff, leaders of the children's choirs, weekly Day Camp teachers, and lots of other support people are taking a well-deserved rest for the summer. Did you know over 150 adults, middle school, and high school youth volunteer on a weekly basis from September through May to teach our children the stories of faith? They come with many different talents and gifts. They love the Lord and want to share their faith with our children. Thank you to all for your dedication and commitment.
- To our Uff Da Fest Volunteers and Participants! We finished up the Sunday School year with a picnic, carnival, and inflatables in Trinity's own backyard with over 340 people in attendance. Thank you to the many volunteers both adults and youth, who made the morning a fun time for all. A special thanks to key leaders Karen Rosolowski, the Scott and Barb Baker family, the Scott & Andrea Jadeke family, Dean Van Amber & Kirsten Alvarez, Mike Voelker, Sandy Moszer, and Kirk Sorenson. A special thanks to all the youth who led the carnival games and to Travis & Benita from Aiming Higher who once again provided the inflatables for this year's Uff Da Fest.



When You Desire Baptism

We celebrate Holy Baptism about 50 times throughout the year at Trinity. That's a sign of the youthfulness of the congregation and the excellent ministries that draw young families to Trinity! Baptism is offered in Sunday worship usually on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. Upcoming dates available: June 8, 22; July 13. For more information about baptism, check out trinity-ec.org or email Heather Day at heatherd@trinity-ec.org to inquire about making arrangements.

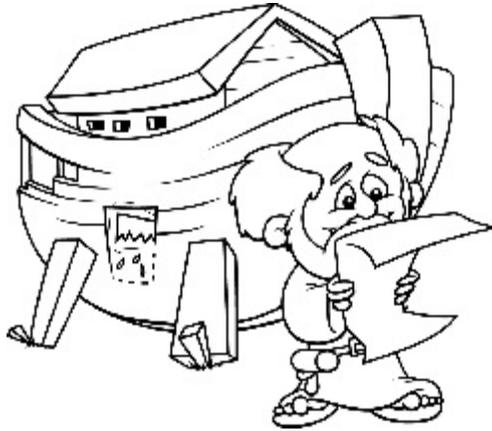
Noah's News

Noah's Ark is "officially docked" for the summer months. But 2014–2015 children and their families will be receiving mid-June letters concerning second payment registration reminders and mid-summer mailings about the upcoming school year. The school year begins early this year with Labor Day on September 1. Our "Visit Week" will be Tuesday through Friday, September 2–5. The "Visit Week" information, along with Orientation Night information (Monday, August 25, at 6:00 P.M.), will arrive in July!

Mrs. Knickerbocker, Mrs. Kasmarek, and I will also be teaching several Trinity Summer Day Camps, so look for us there. This year, I'm excited to have ALL my grandchildren here at Camp Cooking and Booking or Camp Come and Play. I will be the happy Grandma walking around this building. You'll also see us at Vacation Bible School. Please keep Mrs. Lien in your prayers as she recovers from shoulder surgery and prepares for knee surgery at the end of June.

This is also the month when we in the Children's Ministry office transition to new office mates: Kristy Casto, Alicia Strozinsky, and Julie Lutteke. We are in the renovated Children's Ministry office, Room 400. We thank Trinity for such beautiful "newness" for the "ride" ahead! We also are a bit sad, as we will miss Mrs. Schoenkencht so much. We send her into retirement with hugs!

Happy Summer to you all, and pass the word that Noah's Ark has spots for beautiful children in 2014–2015. You are our BEST publicity! Have families call 715.832.6601 or email Jeanne Cooper at noahsark@trinity-ec.org
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Women's Summer Study

"Mercy Triumphs" by Beth Moore
1:00–3:00 P.M., June 16–August 11

James, Jesus' own brother, started out as a skeptic. See how one glimpse of the resurrected Savior turned an unbeliever into a disciple by attending this eight week video study. And, in the process, learn how you can put your faith into action. We do not meet during the week of VBS. Please sign up at Clipboard Central by June 11. You will need a workbook for \$15.00 to be paid on the first day of the study. Everyone is welcome.

Circle Listings

Deborah

Thursday, June 19, 9:30 A.M.,
Trinity

Hostess: Ann Felton

Leader: Carol Bartingale

Dorcas • No meeting until September

Martha/Mary • No meeting in June

Miriam

Wednesday, June 18, 9:30 A.M.,
Trinity

Hostess: Bev Tamke

Leader: Group

Ruth • No meeting until September

Sarah • No meeting until September

The Quilt Ladies

It's Garage Sale Time! Please be on the look out for bath towels for the Health Kits. Donations of crochet thread are also deeply appreciated. Then, why not come and join the group! Quilting pros and novices alike are invited to join at any time. The group meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays each month at 9:00 A.M. in Trinity's lobby. Sew a quilt, and give the everlasting warmth and comfort of God's love!



Children's Ministries

Summer Day Camp Openings

We still have some openings for our summer Day Camps. Contact Julie Lutteke in the Children's Ministries Office for more information at 715.832.6601 or julie@trinity-ec.org

- Camp Come & Play: Session Two, June 16–19 (four days), 12:15–2:15 A.M. NEW Session Three, June 23–26 (4 Days), 9:15–11:15 A.M.. Cost is \$53. For children with birth dates between 9.1.10 and 8.31.11
- Camp Cooking and Booking: June 23–27 (five days), 9:00 A.M.–12:00 P.M. Cost is \$70. For children who were three by 9.1.13 through those who have completed grade five.
- Camp Discovery: June 30–July 2 (three days), 9:00 A.M.–12:00 P.M. Cost is \$42. For children who were three by 9.1.13 through those who have completed grade five.
- Camp Veggie Tales: July 7–11 (five days), 9:00 A.M.–12:00 P.M. Cost is \$70. For children who were three by 9.1.13 through those who have completed grade five.

2014 Vacation Bible School "Live in God's World"

"For in God we live and move and have our being." Join us this summer as we explore how we can live by God's word through five Bible stories: The Ten Commandments, Salt and Light, The Sower, The Widow's Offering, and the Good Samaritan. We meet July 21–25, from 8:45 A.M. –12:00 P.M. We suggest a \$20 donation per child. Vacation Bible School is for children who were 3 by 9.1.13 through those who have completed grade six. Our Kick Off event is Sunday, July 20, at the 9:45 A.M. service.



Staff Needs for VBS

Please help us as we look for teachers and student helpers (must have completed 7th or 8th grades) for classrooms and the nursery. To volunteer, please sign up on the poster in the lobby on Sunday mornings or at the Children's Ministries office during the week. Contact Julie Lutteke at 715.832.6601 or at julie@trinity-ec.org for more information. Teachers are needed for Nursery 1 (2), Preschool 1 (1), Pre-Kindergarten (4), Kindergarten (2), Grade 2 (1), and Grade 5(1). Volunteers are also needed to help in the craft and activities area.



Fall Day Camps

These are midweek programs designed for young children during the 2014–2015 school year. More information about the classes and registration will be available at the end of June. Phone in registration opens Wednesday, July 16 at 8:00 A.M. For more information, contact Julie Lutteke in children's ministries at julie@trinity-ec.org or check out the children's link under the Grow tab at trinity-ec.org

- **Music and Movement Mondays** has two sessions on Monday mornings. The first 45 minute session is geared for kids between 18–36 months and must be attended with an adult. The second one hour session is for children who have turned three by 9.1.14.
- **Great Pretenders** is for children who turn four by 12.31.14. It starts in September on Tuesday at 1:00 P.M.
- **Camp Come and Play** is for children with birth dates between 9.1.11 and 5.31.12. It has two sessions on Wednesdays; 9:15 A.M.–11:15 A.M. and 12:15 P.M.–2:15 P.M.
- **Thrilling Thursdays** is for children who turn four by 12.31.14. It has two sessions on Thursdays from 9:15 A.M.–11:15 A.M. and 1:00 P.M.–3:00 P.M.
- **Friday Friends** begins in January 2015. It is for children who turn three by 12.31.14. It runs from 9:00 A.M.–11:15 A.M. on Fridays. Registration for this class is with the fall day camps in July.



Youth Ministries

Caring Adults Appreciated!

We have ended another year of shaping young lives with faith, the awareness of God's presence and grace, and the call to serve in Christ's love and share the Good News. The Youth Leadership Team would like to extend our gratitude to those who have volunteered to be Group Guides, Mentors, High School Youth Group Leaders, and Teen Study Leaders. Your role is essential in this journey of faith. Thank you for all you do! You have made a contribution to God's reign on earth through your loving service this year!

- Sunday Teen Study Leaders: Linda Berg, Michelle Glaser, Kay Hayden, Natalie Hanson
- High School Youth Group Leaders: Allison Carpenter, Hannah Masters
- Club 78 Group Guides: Doug Auleta, Chrissy Baumgardner, Jeff Bernhardt, Nancy Boese, Julie Hayes, Kim Hill, Bob Hujik, Andrea Jadeke, Jennifer Mosel, Mike Moszer, Shelley Pehler, Karen Rosolowski, Rachel Studt, Cindy Webb, Scott Webb, Steve Zainhofsky, Michelle Zumwalt
- Club 9 Mentors: Sherri Auleta, Krissy Bien, Jill Brandenburg, Julie Brown, Missy Emberson, Jon Fibeger, Sue Friberg, Kathy Gjesfjeld, Chris Goodwin, Kay Hayden, Lanette Hesse, Chris Hower, Mary Karker, Kris Lauer, Dennis Marquardt, Lisa McIntyre, Sandy Moszer, Jennifer Nielsen, Brian Paral, Kim Passi, Jill Phippen, Tammy Potapenko, Darrin Schober, Denise Tape, Mike Voelker, Lori Walsh, Sherry Webster, Todd Wright

High School Graduates

On Sunday, June 1, we recognized students who will graduate from High School this year. We wish you grace and peace in your new adventure. Go knowing God goes with you into the future! 2014 Graduates: Austin Altmann, Kaitlyn Alvarez, Amanda Ashley, Tabitha Blaisdell, Samuel Glaser, Annie Halloin, Hunter Hanson, Madison Hesse, Julia Hilgedick, Zoe Hirsh, Laura Kemper, Amelia Kirkhorn, Mitchell Knapp, Kate Knickerbocker, Kate Lauer, Courtney Meyer, Alyse Passi, Lucas Printz, Nicholas Richards, Jennifer Russel, Andrew Schnack, Kylie Southard, Ella Strei, Claire Studt, Lisa Valk, Jonathan Walker, Connor Weegman, Kayli Werk, Sarah Wright



Confirmation Students—Mark Your Calendar!

- Mentor selection is due NOW for eight grade students. Email the name of your mentor to Cassie at cassie@trinity-ec.org
- Confirmation Banquet will be Sunday, October 19, from 6:00–7:30 P.M.
- Affirmation of Baptism Worship will be Sunday, October 26, at the 8:15 A.M. and 9:45 A.M. worship services.

Social Concerns

10,000 Phones for Mothers In Need

Women in the developing world often do not receive proper healthcare because of the lack of even the most basic communication tools. Hope Phones has teamed up with the EveryMotherCounts campaign to recycle 10,000 used cell phones. The funds raised from these phones will equip two maternal care sites with mobile health technology—one in Nepal and one in the Democratic Republic of Congo where maternal health rates are among the worst in the world. Leave your old cell phone in the blue and white boxes by the exits at Trinity.

Helping Haitians Change Haiti Through Education

Thank you for your weekly offerings to regular ministries which empower the advancing of God's reign on earth through Trinity's mission while changing lives here and across the world. Some of your offerings to regular ministries are shared with Haiti Partners that provides education for children and adults in hopes that the mercies of God bring hope and new life to the poorest nation in the western hemisphere. Thank you! Remember your charitable gifts through the summer, and consider the electronic service of automatic transfer from your financial institution. You can set this up and give online anytime at trinity-ec.org by selecting the "Give Now" button on the home page.



Soles for Special Soles Update

Soles for Special Soles has given away more than 1000 pairs of back-to-school shoes and winter boots to children in the Eau Claire area since the program started in August, 2010. Shoes are given to preschool through high school students, and boots are given to elementary school children. They are distributed through our food pantry, elementary school counselors, and the Bolton Refuge House. Children are encouraged to pick out any pair of shoes or boots that they want at the Kmart in Eau Claire. Not a typical option for many of the children, it often elicits wonderfully happy faces. Soles for Special Souls has been blessed to receive some grants to help support our project. However, the majority of the money we receive is from donations by Trinity members and others. We always have more demand for shoes and boots than we can supply. We welcome donations of any amount, any time of the year. Thank you to all who have supported this ministry of Trinity.



ELCA Congregations and Christmas in July!

Eau Claire ELCA congregations including Immanuel, Good Shepherd, Grace, First, and Trinity will join together in a shared ministry of outreach called "Celebrate Christmas in July." This shared ministry effort will bring people together by donating items for the less fortunate in Eau Claire (see wish lists on this page). Trinity members are invited to bring donations to Trinity beginning July 6. Donations can be placed in the lobby in the marked tub on Sunday mornings or brought to the church office during the week. Items will be collected throughout the month of July. Thank you for caring, and thank you for sharing!

SOJOURNER HOUSE WISH LIST: bus tokens, gas cards, razors, deodorant, towels and washcloths, seasonal clothing, shoes, socks, sweatshirts, sweat pants, hoodies, backpacks and reusable tote bags, dish soap, high efficiency laundry detergent, assorted cereal, facial tissue, trial or travel size toiletries, and feminine products.

WISH LIST FOR BEACON HOUSE • General items for the shelter: toilet bowl cleaner, general cleaners (pine sol, disinfectants), laundry soap, fabric sheets, deodorant, shampoo/conditioner—full sized, feminine hygiene products, garbage bags—kitchen and leaf, snow shovel, sidewalk salt, adult bus passes and tokens, bath towels, alarm clocks, toilet paper, baby wipes. **Pantry items:** pasta, pasta sauce, canned fruit, cereal/oatmeal/cream of wheat, hearty soups (vegetable, chicken noodle, etc.), chili, peanut butter, jelly, canned tuna and chicken, hamburger helper, canned pasta, Rice a Roni®, Pasta Roni®, canned corn, canned peas, salt, sugar, rice. **For past families:** cleaning kits (mops, brooms, buckets, cleaning products, etc), diapers and pull-ups, socks and underwear up to size six, digital thermometers, dish soap, razors, sleepers, onesies, car seats/boosters—new only, baby wash, gift certificates for oil changes/haircuts.

Financial News

Trust Fund Awards Grants

The Endowment Trust Fund of Trinity exists to serve God's people in Christ's name by providing financial foundations to the ministries and missions of Trinity Lutheran Church for all generations. It is a means by which you can leave a legacy of your faith in God through a gift now and a bequest in your will.

The Trust Fund is overseen by a Board elected by the congregation, and they recently reviewed nine grant applications and awarded funds. They include:

From the **Marti K. Nelson Family Fund** (a Donor-advised Fund):

- Trinity Christian Preschool Noah's Ark for tuition support for children from low-income families
- Trinity Day Camps for financial support for low-income families enrolling children
- Jabneh Christian Academy in Jamaica for playground equipment

From the **Marlene & Dick Cable Family Fund** (an Acorn Fund):

- Funds to purchase St. John Bible's for further placements of this Bible in the Chippewa Valley

From the proceeds of the **Unrestricted Fund** of the Endowment Trust:

- Lay School of Ministry of Northwest Synod of Wisconsin for Jackie Krumenauer tuition support
- Trinity Page Turners to sponsor an author to visit the book group this fall
- Trinity Music Series to provide a



matching requirement for a Thrivent grant application

- Trinity Café to assist in purchasing new tables for the Lobby area
- Faith Partners for Literacy to sponsor infant and toddler classrooms while parents are receiving literacy training
- Sojourner House homeless shelter for evening meals

The Endowment Trust Fund is doing great things to serve people, make a difference in the world, and extend the goodness of Jesus.

You can leave a lasting gift to the future of this mission through the wise distribution of your estate or gifts/memorials right now. When you include the Trinity Endowment Trust Fund in your charitable giving or estate, your assets can go on to influence lives with God’s love for generations to come.

Please visit trinity-ec.org to explore creative ways you can make a difference in the world through the Trinity Endowment Trust Fund. An 11 member Board of Trustees, elected by the congregation, guides and carries out our mission.

Reality Check: Taxes and Retirement Savings

A national research study shows that more than half of Americans aged 30 and older are largely unfamiliar with the way in which taxes can eat up the value of their retirement accounts when they name a loved one as beneficiary.

FACT: Income and estate taxes can consume nearly 60 percent of retirement plan funds when inherited by a loved one.

While the majority of people will pay less than 40 percent, anyone who inherits retirement plan funds will be subject to income tax on all withdrawals. Although there are ways in which spouses (and, to a lesser extent, other heirs) can defer taxes on these assets when they defer receipt of the funds, they, too, are subject to income tax when they make withdrawals.

A Win-Win Alternative:

An estate planner can help you structure the inheritance so family members pay the least taxes. Experts sometimes advise putting a charitable component into the plan because qualified charitable organizations, like Trinity, receive donations tax-free. Unlike family members, we receive the full value of your retirement plan assets. None is lost to taxes. Plus, you can rest easy knowing you can change your mind at any time up until your death.

If much of your nest egg is tied up in a retirement plan, you may have little else to leave to family. In that instance, a more reasonable alternative may be to designate a percentage of your retirement plan accounts to a qualified charitable organization, like Trinity, thus taking greater control over how the funds in these accounts will be used while still providing for family and friends.



10 Important Questions to Ask Your Parents

Are you wondering if your parents have their estate and inheritance plans in order? Here's help posing the right questions in a sensitive way.

1. Could you tell me where you keep your important papers at home, in case I need to find them?
2. Have you made an inventory of your property, including furniture, jewelry, art, and other collectibles?
3. Is there anything I can do to help get your important documents in order?
4. Have you named someone to make financial decisions for you if you are no longer able to make those decisions yourself?
5. Do you have a living will or a health care power of attorney?
6. How do you feel about long-term care if you need help later on?
7. Who are your key advisors: attorneys, financial consultants, accountants, and insurance specialists?
8. Have you thought about making a charitable gift through your estate to support causes you believe in and to save on taxes?
9. Would you like to talk with me about your final wishes or funeral arrangements so I can make sure I know what to do?
10. Is there anything else you'd like us to discuss?

These questions will not only ensure that your parents have a good handle on their estate planning, but they should also encourage you to put your own estate plan in order. Most people seek help from an estate planning attorney or financial advisor for information about smart strategies you and your parents can use to protect your estates and support our mission.



Good Financial News

Your offerings to God through Trinity are so important. Thank you for giving. Each dollar you offer is invested in bringing hope and encouragement to people, advancing ministries that bring healing and faith development, and investing in missions that bring alive here and across the world our desire to Serve in Christ’s Love and Share the Good News!

For the first part of 2014, your generosity has resulted in a good financial picture. Remember, your weekly offerings to Regular Ministries and to Mortgage Payment may be made through the service of electronic fund transfer. You may set this up by selecting the “Give Now” button at trinity-ec.org or by contacting Amber Moltzau, amber@trinity-ec.org

Your generosity is appreciated as your church invests faithfully and wisely to make a difference in people’s lives with the grace of Jesus Christ. Thank you!



Nurturing Generous Lives

Generous living is not just about giving money, or even just about giving. It has to do with the whole of who we are and how we care for our neighbors (see Mark 12:28, 31). Each of us brings our heart, mind, soul, and strength. The Old Testament word for "heart" is literally the leaning or thrust of our lives. We might call it our lifestyle or nonverbal witness. In other words, it is how we steward 100 percent of our lives; not just the "religious" sector or the percentage we give away.

Pedal Your Way to a Better Life

No matter your age or activity level, bicycling can provide you with several health benefits.

- It's good for your heart. Cycling can help improve cardiovascular fitness which may decrease your risk of coronary heart disease.
- It's good for your muscles. Riding a bicycle can tone and build muscles, especially in your lower body— your calves, thighs, and glutes.
- It's good for your bones and joints. Bicycling is low impact, so it's less likely than other activities to cause joint-related injuries.
- It's good for your waistline. You burn calories while biking which can ramp up your metabolism and keep your weight under control.
- It's good for your coordination. Pedaling both feet while steering with both hands and keeping your body's weight centered may improve your overall coordination.
- It's good for your mental health. Getting outside and burning energy can improve your mood and clear your mind.

Enjoy your summer!

General Offerings

| January through April | 2014 | 2013 |
|-----------------------|-----------|------------|
| Income | \$371,546 | \$342,652 |
| Expenses | \$356,864 | \$305,786* |
| Variation | +\$14,682 | +\$36,866 |

*In 2013 a pastoral vacancy through May lowered expenses. In 2014, much higher energy costs have also increased expenses.

Mortgage Offerings

April 2014 Offerings for Mortgage Payment: \$15,713
 Monthly Mortgage Payment: \$8,413
 Additional principal payments made in 2014: \$51,945

Thrivent Member? The Choice is Yours

If you hold a qualifying insurance or annuity product with Thrivent Financial, you have Thrivent Choice dollars that benefit Trinity and our Noah’s Ark Preschool. Last year \$5,141 in Thrivent Choice dollars benefitted ministries of our congregation. This is down dramatically from 2012 when Choice dollars totaled \$11,880. This is due to about 50% of Thrivent members eligible to direct Choice dollars not electing to have them benefit our church.

Contact your Thrivent representative or log-in to your account at thrivent.com and click Choice dollars and elect Trinity today!



Trinity Page Turners Book Club

May is over, and we had our final book club meeting for the school year. After a wonderful year, we are taking the summer off to read some books on our own personal lists. BUT we will return in September for the Trinity Page Turners Book Club!

Our completed book list for 2014–2015 is available online at www.trinity-ec.org or you can pick up a brochure in the office. We have no special expectations to participate in this group. You should feel free to come whether you've finished the book or not. So, are you ready to start reading in September? We're happy to have you join us! For more information, email Cindy Beck at cindy@trinity-ec.org

Summer Story Time for Young Children

Join the fun at 10:25 A.M. on Sunday mornings in the Trinity Library for a summer story time. The Library Committee members will read to the children. There will be time to check out books, and there are prizes for the kids to pick from a treasure box. This fun opportunity starts on Sunday, June 8, and runs for six sessions (June 8, 15, 22, 29, and July 6 & 13).



Join in the Summertime Fun ... READ!

Check out our new books on the A Frame Display.

Adult Non-Fiction and Biography

- *Stitches, A Handbook on Meaning, Hope, and Repair* by Anne Lamott. In this book, Lamott explores how we find meaning and peace when life lurches out of balance. Begin, Lamott says, by collecting the ripped shreds of our emotional and spiritual fabric and sewing them back together, one stitch at a time. (374 LAM)
- *Everybody's Got Something* by Robin Roberts. This memoir recounts the incredible journey of Robin Roberts, Good Morning America anchor, and the lessons she has learned along the way. (B ROB)
- *Driven, From Homeless to Hero, My Journeys On and Off Lambeau Field* by Donald Driver. The legendary NFL receiver, all-time receptions and yards leader for the Green Bay Packers, and Dancing with the Stars champion looks back on his life and career. (B DRI)

Adult Fiction

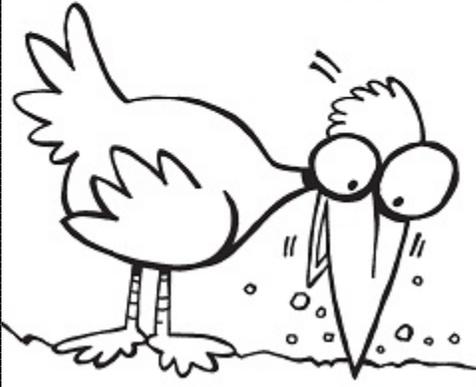
- *And the Mountains Echoed* by Khaled Hosseini. This book is an emotional, provocative, and unforgettable novel about how we love, how we take care of one another, and how the choices we make resonate through generations. Hosseini is the author of *The Kite Runner* and *A Thousand Splendid Suns*. (FIC HOS)
- *The Valcourt Heiress* by Catherine Coulter. This historical novel is set in King Edward's medieval England. The Library Journal says, "Coulter, one

of the best romantic suspense authors . . . provides readers with pulse-pounding mystery that continues until the breathless conclusion." (FIC COU)

- *The All-Girl Filling Station's Last Reunion* by Fannie Flagg. This book is written by the bestselling author of *Friend Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Café*. Flagg is at her hilarious and superb best in this new comic mystery about two women who are forced to reimagine who they are. (FIC FLA)
- *Benediction* by Kent Haruf. This latest novel by the author of *Eventide* and *Plainsong* is set in the high plains of Colorado and is a story about the grace that lies within us all. (FIC HAR)
- *Boy, Snow, Bird* by Helen Oyeyemi. Dazzlingly inventive and powerfully moving, this novel is an astonishing and enchanting work. With breathtaking feats of imagination, Oyeyemi confirms her place as one of the most original and dynamic literary voices of our time. (FIC OYE)
- *The Wives of Los Alamos* by Tarashea Nesbit. In this debut novel, Nesbit gives voice to the women closest to one of the gravest and most telling moments in our history: the development and testing of the nuclear bomb at Los Alamos. (FIC NES)
- *The Orphan Train* by Christina Baker Kline. Between 1854 and 1929, the so-called orphan trains ran regularly from the cities of the East Coast to the farmlands of the Midwest, carrying thousands of abandoned children. As a young Irish immigrant, Vivian was one such child. Moving between contemporary Maine and Depression-era Minnesota, Orphan Train is a powerful tale of upheaval and resilience, second chances, and unexpected friendship. (FIC KLI)

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